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**FLAG DEDICATED AT SCHOOL** — A US flag flown by a fighter pilot during a military mission in Afghanistan has been raised above the Ashfield Elementary School. The flag was sent to the school by Juan Antunes, a Brockton resident and member of the National Guard, who has been stationed in Afghanistan since July. His daughter, Kimberly, is a second-grader at Ashfield. She joined her mother, Lisa, and 12-year-old brother, Corey, last Wednesday for a flag dedication ceremony with Ashfield students and city and school officials. The family read short stories about Antunes, who has volunteered and coached sports teams at the school for several years. "For him to go away and leave his family and his job and home is just courageous, we're so proud of him," said Lisa Antunes. "We want to put a little bit of the American flag into all the children's hearts."